

REMARKS

In the above-mentioned, Final Office Action, all of the pending claims, claims 1-3 and 7-10, were rejected. Claims 1-3 and 7 were rejected under Section 103(a) over the combination of 3GPP document TS 25.331v3.16.0 and Tohono. And, claims 8-10 were rejected under Section 103(a) over the combination of the 3GPP document, the Tohono, and Laitinen.

Responsive to the rejection of the claims, independent claims 1, 7, and 8 have been amended, as set forth herein, in manners believed further to distinguish the invention of the present application over the cited combination of references.

With respect to exemplary claim 1, the claim has been amended, now to include reception of a system information block that relates to measurement information formed of type 11, relating to idle and connected mode, and to include reception of a system information block that relates to measurement information formed of type 12, relating to connected mode. And, the claim is further amended, now to state that identification is made if a same information element is included in each of the SIB 11 and SIB 12. The claim is further amended to state that if the same information is included, then the system information is read and acted upon according to a defined order in which the system information associated with the SIB 11 is read and acted upon and then the system information of SIB 12 is read and acted upon.

Support for the amended recitation is found in the disclosure, e.g., in paragraphs 11, 27, 34, and 37.

The Applicants assert, particularly as now-presented, that the independent claims are patentably distinguishable over the cited combinations of references.

In the rejections of the independent claims, the Examiner relied upon Tohono for arranging a user equipment device to apply certain received information elements in a defined order. The Examiner specifically referred to paragraphs [0056-0059] of Tohono.

The Examiner also noted that the recited condition of the same information elements are related to at least one cell information list, then reading and acting upon the system information associated with the identified same information elements according to defined order is ineffective for the reason that, in Tohono, system information associated with an active cell is applied first, prior to applying the system information associated with the hand-over destination candidate cell.

First, the Applicants traverse the Examiner's statement regarding the ineffectiveness of the 'if' clause, in light of the amended recitations of claim 1.

Specifically, the Applicants traverse the Examiner's statement of equivalency of the active cell, cell information list with the system information block relating to measurement information and the equivalence of the hand-over candidate cell with the system information block relating to measurement information of type 12. Claim 1 further recites that the system information block of type 11 relates to idle and connected mode and the system information block of type 12 relates to connected mode. There is simply no disclosure in either the cited portion of Tohono nor elsewhere in the reference of the active cell, cell information list and hand-over candidate cell relating to separate modes.

Independent claims 7 and 8 include analogous amendments and are believed to be patentably distinguishable over the cited combination for the same reason.

As the remaining dependent claims include all of the recitation of their respective parent claims, these claims are believed to be patentably distinguishable over the cited combination for same reasons as those given with respect to their parent claims.

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In light of the foregoing, independent claims 1, 7, and 8, as now-presented, and the dependent claims dependent thereon are believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reexamination and reconsideration for allowance for the claims is respectfully requested. Such early actions earnestly solicited.

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